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In Reply to Office Action of July 13, 2004

IN THE CLAIMS

1-5 (Cancelled)

6 (Currently Amended): A method for treating hypertension comprising:

administering a composition ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of:

(A) 0.001 to 10 wt.% of an isolated chlorogenic acid, or an ester or salt of an isolated chlorogenic acid; and

(B) 0.0005 to 10 wt.% of an organic acid having a molecular weight ranging from 60 to 300 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein said organic acid is not citric acid.

7 (Previously Presented): The method of Claim 6, wherein (A) is a chlorogenic acid.

8 (Previously Presented): The method of Claim 6, wherein (A) is an ester of a chlorogenic acid.

9 (Previously Presented): The method of Claim 6, wherein (A) is a salt of a chlorogenic acid.

10 (Cancelled)

11 (Previously Presented): The method of Claim 6, wherein (B) is a carboxylic acid, other than citric acid.

12 (Previously Presented): The method of Claim 6, wherein (B) is a hydroxycarboxylic acid, other than citric acid.

13 (Previously Presented): The method of Claim 6, wherein (B) is a polycarboxylic acid, other than citric acid.

14 (Previously Presented): The method of Claim 6, wherein (B) is a ketocarboxylic acid.

15 (Withdrawn): The method of Claim 6, wherein (B) is selected from the group consisting of gluconic acid, fumaric acid,  $\alpha$ -ketoglutaric acid, succinic acid, glycolic acid, malic acid, tartaric acid, pyruvic acid, and malonic acid.

16 (Previously Presented): The method of Claim 6, wherein (B) is present in a vinegar.

17 (Previously Presented): The method of Claim 6, wherein (B) is present in a fruit juice or fruit extract.

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18 (Withdrawn): A method for treating hypertension comprising:

administering a composition comprising:

(A) an isolated chlorogenic acid, or an ester or salt of an isolated chlorogenic acid;

and

(B) a component selected from the group consisting of a central nervous system stimulating component, food fiber, extract of perennial evergreen leaves of the genus *Camellia*, extract of perennial evergreen leaves of the genus *Theaceae*, extract of perennial evergreen leaves of the genus *Eucommia ulmoides* Oliver, *Eucommiae*, and a sugar alcohol.

19 (Previously Presented): The method of Claim 6, wherein said isolated chlorogenic acid is a pure stereoisomer.

20 (Previously Presented): The method of Claim 6, wherein said isolated chlorogenic acid is a mixture of stereoisomers.

21 (Previously Presented): The method of Claim 6, wherein said isolated chlorogenic acid is 4-caffeoylquinic acid.

22 (Previously Presented): The method of Claim 6, wherein said isolated chlorogenic acid is 5-caffeoylquinic acid.

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23 (Previously Presented): The method of Claim 6, wherein said isolated chlorogenic acid is 3,4-dicaffeoylquinic acid.

24 (Previously Presented): The method of Claim 6, wherein said isolated chlorogenic acid is 3,5-dicaffeoylquinic acid.

25 (Previously Presented): The method of Claim 6, wherein said isolated chlorogenic acid is 4,5 dicaffeoylquinic acid.

26 (Previously Presented): The method of Claim 6, wherein said isolated chlorogenic acid is 3-feruloylquinic acid.

27 (Previously Presented): The method of Claim 6, wherein said isolated chlorogenic acid is 4-feruloylquinic acid.

28 (Previously Presented): The method of Claim 6, wherein said isolated chlorogenic acid is 5-feruloylquinic acid.

29 (Previously Presented): The method of Claim 6, wherein said isolated chlorogenic acid is 3-feruloyl-4-caffeoylquinic acid.

30 (Previously Presented): The method of Claim 6, wherein (B) is acetic acid.

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31. (Previously Presented): The method of Claim 6, wherein (B) is lactic acid.

32. (New): The method of Claim 6, wherein said composition further comprises one or more solid food stuffs.

33. (New): The method of Claim 6, wherein said composition further comprises one or more liquid food stuffs.

34. (New): The method of Claim 6, wherein said composition is in the form of a tablet, granule, grain, pill, powder, capsule, or troche.